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Organizational session
New York, 12-16 April 1993

DRAFT REPORT

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 12-16 April 1993. The Committee held ... meetings and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, who read a message from the Secretary-General to the Preparatory Committee.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Chairman made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States were represented: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

5. Palestine was represented by an observer.

6. The United Nations Development Programme was represented.

7. The following specialized agencies were represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank/International Fund for Agricultural Development.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Latin American Economic System.

C. Election of officers

9. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Juan Somavia (Chile) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

10. At the 4th meeting, on 14 April 1993, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Bureau of the Committee would comprise a Chairman and nine Vice-Chairmen, one of whom would serve as Rapporteur. The Preparatory Committee also decided that Denmark would serve as ex officio member of the Bureau in the capacity of Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting the Committee elected by acclamation Cameroon and Zimbabwe from the African States, India and Indonesia from the Asian States, Poland from the Eastern European States, the Netherlands and Australia from the Western European and other States, and Mexico from the Latin American and Caribbean States.

11. At the ... meeting on .. April 1993, the Committee elected by acclamation ... from the Eastern European States.

D. Adoption of the agenda

12. At the 1st meeting, on 12 April 1993, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.166/PC/1, which read as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

E. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

13. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to ... meetings, from 13 to ... April 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the consideration by the Commission for Social Development of the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process (A/CONF.166/PC/2);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines concerning the appropriate contribution of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and others to the preparations for the Summit (A/CONF.166/PC/3);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/4).

14. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion of the item at its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April 1993.

15. At its 2nd to 4th meetings, on 13 and 14 April 1993, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States), Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Philippines, Bangladesh, Russian Federation, Peru, India, Chile, Cameroon, Canada, Australia, Austria, Pakistan, Indonesia, New Zealand, Cuba, China, Côte d'Ivoire and Sri Lanka.

16. Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

17. A statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Development Programme.

18. The representative of the Latin American Economic System also made a statement.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Draft decision 5

Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development decides to adopt the following agenda for its first session:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations.

3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development.

4. Analysis of the core issues to be addressed by the Summit and policy measures to attain its objectives in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92.

5. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit.

6. Arrangements for and provisional agenda of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Draft decisions submitted by the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations

Draft decision 2

Inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development notes with appreciation the intention of the Bureau to meet inter-sessionally to review the progress of the Preparatory Committee and to make recommendations for furthering such progress.

Draft decision 3

Non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Adopts the modalities for participation in and contribution to the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process of non-governmental organizations, as set forth in the annex to the present decision;

(b) Recognizes the importance of the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process and in the Summit itself, and requests all possible aid to ensure full participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations from developing countries.

Annex

PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PREPARATORY PROCESS

Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that express the wish to attend the World Summit for Social Development and the meetings of its Preparatory Committee will be accredited for participation. Others wishing to be accredited may apply to the Summit secretariat for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements.

1. The secretariat of the World Summit for Social Development will be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation, in accordance with the provisions given below of requests from non-governmental organizations for accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process.

2. All such applications must be accompanied by information on the competence of the organizations and on its relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, indicating the particular areas of the Summit preparations to which such competence and relevance pertain, and should include, inter alia, the following:

(a) Purposes of the organization;

(b) Information on its programmes and activities in areas relevant to the Summit and its preparatory process and on the country or countries in which those programmes and activities are carried out;

(c) Confirmation of its activities at the national and/or the international level;

(d) Copies of its annual reports with financial statements, and a list of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;

(e) A description of its membership, indicating the total number of members and their geographical distribution.

3. In the evaluation of the relevance of non-governmental organizations applying for accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process, it is agreed that the background of those organizations and their involvement in social development issues, including core issues as defined in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 47/92, will determine such relevance.

4. Non-governmental organizations seeking accreditation will be asked to confirm their interest in the goals and objectives of the Summit.

5. In cases where the Summit secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with the present document, that an organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. In cases where the Summit secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the

Preparatory Committee its reasons for so acting. The Summit secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to members of the Preparatory Committee at least one week prior to the start of each session.

6. The Preparatory Committee will decide on all proposals for accreditation within 24 hours of the Summit secretariat's recommendations' having been taken up by the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting. In the event of a decision's not being taken within this period, interim accreditation will be accorded until such time as a decision is taken.

7. A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend one session of the Preparatory Committee may attend all future sessions, as well as the Summit itself.

8. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the World Summit for Social Development, non-governmental organizations will have no negotiating role in the work of the Summit and its preparatory process.

9. Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may be given an opportunity to briefly address the Preparatory Committee in plenary meeting and its subsidiary bodies. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Preparatory Committee will request that the non-governmental organizations form themselves into constituencies, with each constituency speaking through one spokesperson. Any oral intervention by a non-governmental organization should, in accordance with normal United Nations practice, be made at the discretion of the Chairman and with the consent of the Preparatory Committee.

10. Relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations in the official languages of the United Nations during the preparatory process, as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents unless they are in accordance with United Nations rules of procedure.

Draft decision 4

National contributions

Emphasizing the desirability of promoting national preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Decides that such preparations could include:

(i) The establishment of national committees or other arrangements at the national level to bring together concerned official agencies and non-governmental bodies;

(ii) The convening of meetings for public discussion of the core issues;

(iii) The preparation of national reports to identify constraints and the measures required to remove them with regard to the alleviation and reduction of poverty, the expansion of productive employment and the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Member States the contents of the present decision.

Draft decision 7

Mobilization of voluntary resources

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development:

(a) Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development, and reaffirms the decision of the General Assembly, as set forth in paragraph 20 of its resolution 47/92, that the resources of the Fund should be utilized to finance the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and the preparatory process;

(b) Also welcomes the proposals of the Secretary-General on mobilization of voluntary resources for the Fund as outlined in document A/CONF.166/PC/4, annexed to the present decision;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to bring the Fund to the attention of Member States, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as foundations, private enterprises and concerned individuals, and to report to the Committee at its first substantive session on the operations of the Fund.

Annex

1. In its resolution 47/92, the General Assembly, inter alia, invited the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparation and holding of the World Summit for Social Development. In response to that request, the Secretary-General has established the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development.

2. In order to mobilize contributions to this Fund, a number of fund-raising activities are envisaged. As a first step, the Secretary-General will inform all Member States of the existence of the Fund and will urge those countries in a position to do so to contribute generously to it. He also will publicize the establishment of the Fund as well as its purpose and terms of reference to interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as to foundations, private enterprises and concerned individuals.

3. In addition, experience has shown that donors are often willing to contribute resources to voluntary funds when the specific purpose to be achieved with those resources - for example, the financing of the participation of least

developed countries, the convening of seminars or regional meetings, and the support of national activities - is known. Consequently, once the activities of the preparatory process are determined, the Secretary-General will inform interested parties on a regular basis of such plans and seek their support.

4. The Secretary-General also intends to mobilize the United Nations system as a whole to contribute to the preparatory process. Agencies, funds and programmes will be encouraged to include in their programme budgets specific allocations for activities that could contribute to that process.

5. Mobilization of support for the World Summit for Social Development will be an ongoing process. It will be essential to create awareness at the local, national, regional and international levels of the Summit's core issues as well as of its objectives. The Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat will launch an information campaign for this purpose, and it is anticipated that the increase of such awareness will have a multiplier effect resulting in increased resources for the preparatory process as well as for the Summit itself.

6. The Secretary-General will continue to inform the Preparatory Committee of the activities being carried out for this purpose.

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Draft decision 8

Public information

Noting the intention of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, as indicated in document A/CONF.166/PC.4, to launch an information campaign for the purpose of creating awareness at the local, national, regional and international levels of the core issues of the World Summit for Social Development as well as of its objectives, the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development requests the Secretary-General to develop and launch, on a priority basis, in cooperation with relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes, a specific programme of public information on the Summit's core issues as well as on its objectives.

Draft decision 10

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development recommends to the General Assembly for its consideration and appropriate action the following draft decision:

Organizational matters

The General Assembly decides that the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development should:

(a) Convene its three substantive sessions in plenary;

(b) Establish, during the first substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of one week;

(c) Establish, during the second substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of two weeks;

(d) Establish, during the third substantive session, two working groups to meet in parallel with the plenary for the duration of two weeks.